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CENTRAL EXCISE DEPTTS. HIGHHANDEDNESS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received that the Central Excise Department is resorting to arm twisting measures to meet excise collection targets;

(b) if so, the details thereof, showing the steps taken by the Government to check this practice; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that Excise Department should not misuse their power ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (S. S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): No arm-twisting methods were adopted for boosting the Central Excise revenue collections.

(b) & (c) : Does not arise in view of (a) above.